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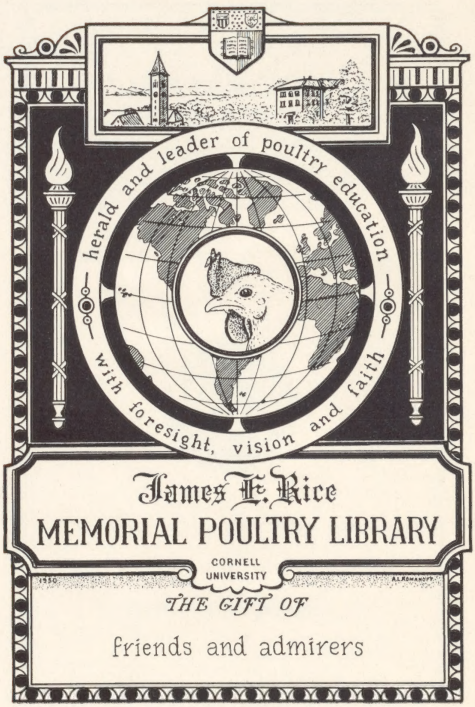

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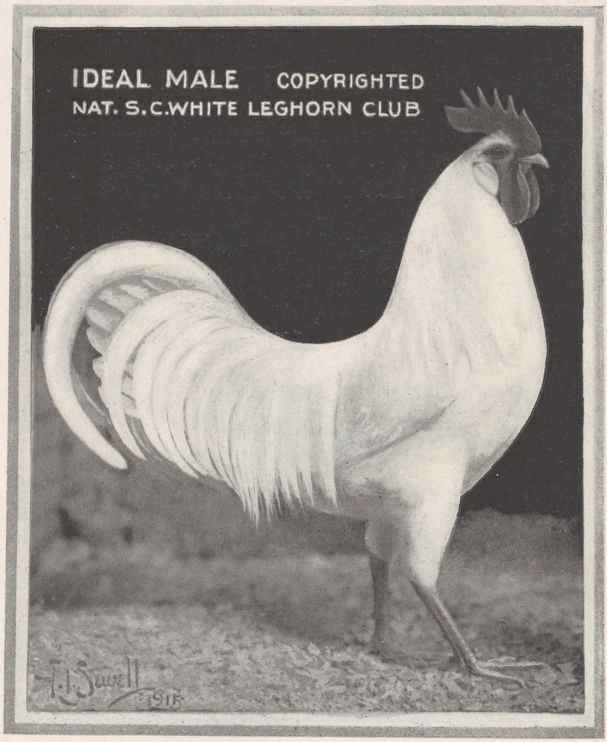

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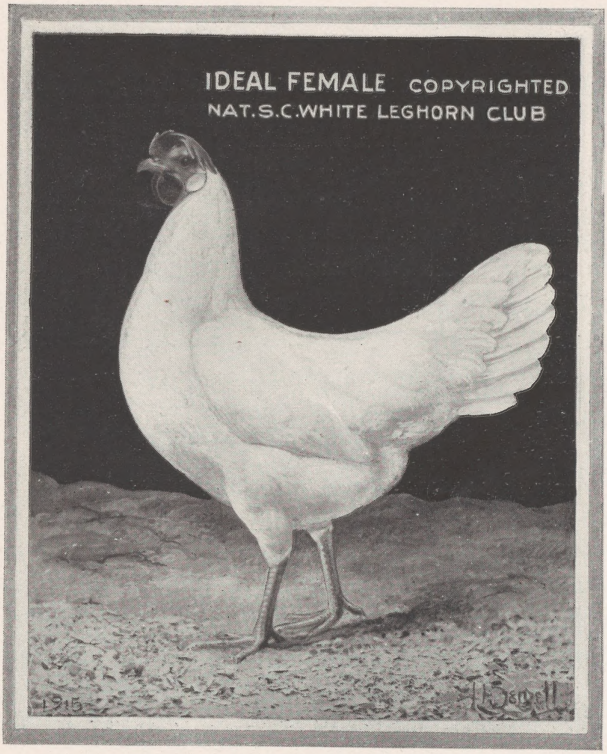

Ideal White Leghorn Female

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Officers of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club

For Year July 1, 1916, to July 1, 1917

EUGENE SMITH, President.....Aurora, Ill.
D. W. YOUNG, First Vice President.....Monroe, N. Y.
FRANK E. HERING, Second Vice President.....South Bend, Ind.
HARLO J. FISKE, Third Vice President.....West Springfield, Mass.
F. O. GROESBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.....Hartford, Conn.

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HENRY P. MCKEAN, JR.....Beverly Farms, Mass.
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And the President and Secretary of the Club.

Auditors

F. D. ROGERS.....Elgin, Ill.
D. D. WHITAKER.....Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Election Commissioner

JAMES O. MOORE.....Moscow, N. Y.

Constitution of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club

ARTICLE 1 — *Name.* The name of this organization shall be the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club.

ARTICLE 2 — *Object.* The object of the organization is the general advancement of the interests of breeders of Single-Comb White Leghorns, and to disseminate among the people a more thorough knowledge of the merits of these fowls, and the profit and pleasure to be derived from intelligent and systematic breeding of same.

ARTICLE 3 — *Officers.* The officers of the Club shall consist of a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, secretary-treasurer, and an executive committe of eight, including the president and secretary.

ARTICLE 4 — *Place of Business.* The place of business shall be the postoffice address of the secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE 5 — *Meetings.* There shall be an annual meeting of the members for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the organization. The time and place of holding such meeting to be determined by the executive committee and due notice thereof given each member by the secretary.

ARTICLE 6 — *Expulsions.* Any member of the club who shall be deemed guilty of conduct derogatory to the club or the interest of the variety may be suspended from membership or expelled from the club by a majority vote of the executive committee.

ARTICLE 7 — *Amendments.* This constitution and by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an annual meeting or by the two-thirds majority of votes received if a mail vote is called for and approved by the executive committee, in which case thirty days' notice of the proposed changes will be sent to each member by the secretary.

By-Laws

CHAPTER I — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 — Any person interested in the object of this organization shall be entitled to membership therein, as long as he or she complies with the requirements incident to such membership.

Sec. 2 — All applications for membership shall be accompanied by two dollars, the same to be the entrance fee and dues to the following July, and no person shall be enrolled as a member until such fee is paid.

Sec. 3 — Any member having been suspended for non-payment of dues may, on application, be reinstated on the payment of his indebtedness at the time of suspension, together with the annual dues for the year in which application is made.

Sec. 4 — Resignations may be made by written notice to the secretary, but no resignation shall be accepted if the member be in arrears for dues or if there be any charges pending against him.

CHAPTER II — TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1 — All officers are elected at the time of the annual meeting to serve until their successors are appointed or elected.

Sec. 2 — In the event of any vacancy occurring in the officers or executive committee after the annual meeting, it shall be filled by appointment by the executive committee.

CHAPTER III — MANAGEMENT

Section 1 — The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in an executive committee which shall consist of the president, secretary-treasurer and six members to be appointed by the president to hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are appointed.

Sec. 2 — The president of the Club shall preside at all meetings. He shall carry out the instructions of the Club as made at said meetings, and shall at all times do what he deems best for the advancement of the interests of the Club.

Sec. 3 — In the absence or inability of the president to preside at meetings, or to discharge other duties devolving upon him, it shall be the duty of a vice president to serve in his stead.

Sec. 4 — The secretary-treasurer shall conduct the necessary correspondence of the club, keep the minutes of all meetings,

and have charge and custody of the books and papers pertaining to his office. He shall collect all moneys due the Club from any and all sources and shall pay out of any funds in his hands any expenses which may accrue. He shall keep his accounts in a proper form for the inspection of the auditing committee and report at the annual meeting of the Club all receipts and expenditures.

CHAPTER IV — DUES

Section 1 — The annual dues shall be one dollar ($1), and shall become due in advance the first of July of each year. All dues must be paid before the first of March following, or membership ceases; the member having been duly notified by the secretary.

Sec. 2 — The life membership fee shall be ten dollars ($10), which shall not include any previous amount paid.

Sec. 3 — The entrance fee of two dollars may be changed from time to time and fixed at such amount as the officers and executive committee shall unanimously decide.

CHAPTER V — QUORUM

Eight members shall constitute a quorum. Each member in good standing who has paid to the treasurer all fees due the club is entitled to one vote, and if not present at the meeting, he may vote by mail, using ballots only as sent out by the secretary, same to be returned to the election commissioner by a given date, when report of mail vote will be made at annual meeting.

CHAPTER VI — AUDIT

An auditing committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it will be to examine all reports of officers and the books, and all accounts of the Club.

CHAPTER VII — BOND

The secretary and treasurer shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in discharging his duties, plus 25 per cent on all receipts other than special prize moneys, and he shall furnish a bond which shall be acceptable to the executive committee, this bond to be placed in the hands of the president.

CHAPTER VIII — ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be:

1—Roll call.
2—Reading minutes of previous meeting.
3—Election of new members.
4—Reports of officers.
5—Reading of communications.
6—Unfinished or old business.
7—Election of officers.
8—New business.
9—Discussion.
10—Adjournment.

History of the Club

THE National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club was formed January 8, 1903, at Madison Square Garden, New York City. The meeting was called to order by F. O. Groesbeck to discuss the advisability of forming said Club to increase the interest in the breeding of the Single-Comb White Leghorn, endeavoring to give same as much publicity as possible, the variety being the acknowledged profit-layers of the country, and by working hand in hand with the west, north and south, striving for harmony amongst breeders and the interchanging of ideas, the results would be to our mutual benefit. After much discussion it was resolved that the Club be named The National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club, the following officers being elected:

President—William F. Whiting, Holyoke, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer — Irving F. Rice, Cortland, N. Y.

First Vice President — George Glass, East Aurora, N. Y.

Third Vice President—H. J. Blanchard, Groton, N. Y.

The board of directors to consist of the above officers; also, Dennis Shea, Ithaca, N. Y.; F. L. Edwards, Westville, Conn.

Motion made, duly supported and carried, that the membership fee be $1.00 and annual dues $1.00. The secretary was instructed to draft articles for the constitution and by-laws, having same in readiness for the next meeting. F. O. Groesbeck and W. F. Whiting were appointed a committee of two on club specials. After much discussion the meeting was adjourned to meet at the next Madison Square Garden show in January, 1904.

Members are requested to invite breeders of Single-Comb White Leghorns in their locality to join our club. We want the utility as well as the fancy breeders, and offer specials at each show to interest them, and will offer cups, medals, badges or ribbons at various shows in keeping with each state's membership.

To Our Members

THE members of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club have not rallied to the support of our Club during the past year as they should. This is, no doubt, partly due to the general depression of the poultry business for the past year, and partly due to the fact that our members would rather "let the other fellow do the work."

Never before were so many appeals made to our members to interest their friends in the fancy and induce them to become members of this Club. Even though a large number of new members were added during the past year, twice as many could have been induced to join by a little effort on the part of our individual members.

The National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club, organized in the interest of its members, deserves the bulk of the credit in making the White Leghorn the most popular domestic fowl in the world today, *and our members should take interest and support the Club in the manner that they should!*

In every locality there are many persons interested in Single-Comb White Leghorns who would gladly join our Club if they were asked. It should be easy for each one of us to secure at least *one* new member, which, in the aggregate, would make our Club the largest and strongest specialty club in the world.

Our Secretary, Mr. Groesbeck, has on hand a quantity of membership application blanks and he will be glad to send a supply to all members who apply for them. These blanks are standard envelope size, the same as those sent out with the Club's letters during the past year, and you should not send out a letter or circular without one of these being enclosed. Write Mr. Groesbeck today stating how many of these application blanks you can use, and show your good intentions.

EUGENE SMITH, *President,* Aurora, Ill.

Message from the Secretary-Treasurer

IT HAS been my privilege and pleasure to attend from one to three exhibits every week since the opening of the show season last September. Consequently have met many of our club members and secured several applications from breeders and exhibitors of White Leghorns who, while wishing to be enrolled as a member, had delayed sending in application when first received, then same got mislaid, and while not forgotten, the matter was overlooked and not once in mentioning our Club was I forced to make explanation as to what we as a Club are doing for our variety. I believe every up-to-date breeder of White Leghorns knows of our Club and appreciates in a way the publicity the White Leghorn enjoys today. That our membership could easily be doubled is only a matter of co-operation by all members. This increased membership will benefit you and our variety. We are ahead of all others in popularity now, and by concerted effort only can we expect to hold position gained. Please talk Club membership to other breeders in your section and with your correspondence enclose an application blank with your endorsement. An increase of one hundred in membership enables me to spend $100.00 for publicity of our variety. Many are undecided what variety to start with. One of our Club catalogs in their hands may decide the question in favor of White Leghorns. I wish I could meet every one breeding our variety face to face and talk White Leghorns and our Club work. Other specialty clubs refer to our Club as an example of what can be done. To be sure, the White Leghorn is the most talked-of variety in existence today, deservedly so, as they are the greatest Profit Payers, but to our Club much credit for their popularity must be given. In the columns of not only the poultry journals, but the daily and weekly papers from time to time appear items of special interest to Leghorn breeders, mention of the State meetings of our Club, and the offering of Club specials and trophies, conditioning birds for the show room, feeding for egg-production, hatching, rearing, etc.

I wish our Club treasury would permit of offering a cup or special trophy at every show to the new member winning most points, this in addition to the set of regular badges, and then at the State meet, the place of the "State Cup" competition, the regular prize money to be doubled by our Club and also an attrac-

tive list of solicited or donated specials to be competed for by our Club members. This can be made possible by the breeders of each State and will make the White Leghorn class the most-talked of in the exhibit. My records as Secretary show more than 75 per cent of the applications come from those who join just because our Club offers its badges at some show where they are going to compete. The honors incidental to winning the Club specials have an advertising value much greater than cost of one membership and dues for even five years, in fact, just to be listed as a member has brought to my personal knowledge in more instances than one, business that never would have been gotten otherwise. Our Club offers a set of badges to every show issuing premium list that will print our Club notice so other than members can procure our Club literature. We must have these new members, for as everyone knows, each year finds many new faces in the poultry business, and for certain reasons the enthusiast of the past year sold out, removed, etc. Some few of these keep up their dues, planning to take up Leghorns again, but the changes show about two coming into breeding Leghorns compared to one going out. Our Club catalog issued for several years, at quite an expense to our Club, offers an advertising medium to members at low cost. We should have not less than one hundred pages of advertisements to show the support we deserve and the aim of our Club work in the proper light. The demand for our catalogs from notices in the poultry papers take upwards of two thousand copies. The possibilities of an advertising campaign for publicity of our Leghorns and distribution of our Club literature is by the following worthy of your consideration. One medium carrying a one-inch advertisement twice of "Leghorns will pay you a profit," * * * "A directory of over 500 breeders in the United States," etc., brought requests from over *one thousand* for our Club catalogs.

With the proper support of breeders the Club treasury should permit of an issue of 50,000 Club catalogs for publicity. With the distribution of such an issue, advertised through the poultry papers, daily and weekly papers, magazines, etc., I would predict that the White Leghorn business would double within two years. But, mind you, the catalog for distribution must be one that will command attention and show that the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club has the support of the breeders that believe and have proved there is no other variety of poultry that can show anywhere equal profit to them on like investment.

You will soon, I hope, receive notice of the 50,000 issue, and your support, I hope, it will have.

F. O. Groesbeck, *Secretary.*

The Next Annual Meeting

THE next Annual Meeting of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club will be held in connection with the Greater Chicago Show, January 10 to 16, 1917. This is one of the most important shows of the country and members should plan to attend the show and bring some of their birds with them. Chicago is centrally located and is easily accessible from any part of the country.

Two judges of national reputation will be put on the White Leghorn class — one from the East and one from the West; one judging the cocks, hens and young pens, and the other judging the cockerels, pullets and old pens. No partiality will be shown — the best birds will win, whether they be shown by the big breeder, or the little breeder; the King of England, the Kaiser, or "Bill Jones."

Twenty-five per cent of all entry fees on Single-Comb White Leghorns will be offered as cash specials to members of the Club; and this in addition to the regular cash prizes, Club specials, silver cups, etc. A win here will be a *real* win, and will carry great advertising value.

Plan to attend this one big show and bring your best birds with you. If you can't come, send your birds, anyway; we'll see to it that they are properly cooped, have the best of care while on exhibit, and promptly returned at the close of the show.

We want to make the White Leghorn class at this meet the largest ever shown anywhere, at any time, and you can expect a square deal, and prompt and courteous treatment in every way.

Send your request for premium list now, while you think of it, and have it placed on file so that you will receive this list next fall just as soon as it is out. Address D. E. Hale, *Secretary,* Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois.

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting

THE fourteenth annual meeting of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club was held Monday, January 3, 1916, at 2:00 p. m., at Madison Square Garden, New York.

In the absence of President Eugene C. Smith, the meeting was called to order by First Vice President J. C. Punderford.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion made and seconded, it was voted they be accepted as read and placed on file.

Next in order of business being election of new members, it was voted that the Secretary cast one vote for the six life and 119 annual members received during the year. This being done, they were declared unanimously elected.

Next in order, the Treasurer's report was read and on motion made and seconded, it was voted same be accepted and placed on file.

Mr. P. S. Riggs, Chairman of the Committee on Standard Type, requested that the committee be continued for another year, and it was so voted, the committee consisting of P. S. Riggs, J. C. Punderford and F. O. Groesbeck. As shortly we are to have breed standards, and it being our desire to have the White Leghorn illustrations better than as approved by the Standard Revision Committee, no effort will be spared to bring forward ideal types in keeping with our Club idea.

Communications from several State Secretaries pertaining to Club work in their States were read and a vote of thanks was extended in appreciation of services rendered.

Communications from the poultry press and various poultry associations were placed on file.

There being no unfinished or old business, and the election of officers being next in order, the Election Commissioner's report was read by the Secretary, in the absence of Election Commissioner James O. Moore. Total number of votes received, 169, resulting in the election of the following officers for the year July 1, 1916, to July 1, 1917:

President, Eugene C. Smith, Aurora, Ill.

First Vice President, D. W. Young, Monroe, N. Y.

Second Vice President, Frank E. Hering, South Bend, Ind.

Third Vice President, Harlo J. Fiske, West Springfield, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer, F. O. Groesbeck, Hartford, Conn.

Place of Fifteenth Annual Meeting, Greater Chicago Show.

Time of meeting, Saturday, January 16, 1917, at 3:00 p. m.

Under order of new business, Mr. P. S. Riggs was continued as Chairman of the Committee of Three, including J. C. Punderford and F. O. Groesbeck, to revise the constitution and by-laws of our Club.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to attend the next annual meeting at Chicago, expenses of the trip to be paid from Club treasury.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to have printed on nomination ballots the length of term each officer should hold office, as no office other than that of Secretary-Treasurer is to be held more than two years in succession.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to consult counsel on matters requiring legal advice. The Secretary was instructed to pay from Club treasury for such advice, following conference with Directors of the Club.

The matter of badges for the coming season was discussed fully and if Club Treasury will permit, a better set of badges shall be ordered covering each State Meeting, same to be for best male, best female, best cock, best hen, best cockerel, best pullet, best pen, best display, best shape male, best shape female, best color male, best color female, best head male, best head female. The Secretary reported that a set of badges such as was given prior to this season would cost $4.20. As each State has a State meeting, it was deemed advisable to offer complete set of badges only in State having ten or more members. These badges to be given in addition to the State Cup, value of which is determinted by State membership.

It was voted that the Executive Committee be increased from eight to ten, two being elected at each annual meeting, six by mail vote, as follows: Two from section West of the Mississippi river; two from section South of the Ohio river; two from section North of the Ohio river and East of the Mississippi river. President and Secretary to complete the committee.

The matter of each State electing its own State Vice President and State Secretary was discussed, vote being that the Secre-

tary appoint to the offices ones who, by their interest in Club work would seem to best serve the Club interests.

On motion made and seconded, James O. Moore, Buffalo, N. Y., was elected to office of Election Commissioner for the ensuing year.

The matter of Club catalog was brought up by the Secretary, who stated that the support from Club members the past three years was not sufficient to cover cost of issuing and mailing catalogs, entailing a loss of $231.08 to the Club. Pledges toward the 1915 issue total $300.10, while cost of issue was to be in excess of $500, without the mailing cost. A very elaborate catalog had been planned. The Secretary was instructed to advise President Smith, who has the printing of catalog in charge, that he print with all possible haste, the catalog as originally planned, keeping cost down as low as possible and have a special blank in catalog soliciting memberships, also that a special letter be gotten out to all members, requesting that each one endeavor to get one or more new members the coming year, that our Club may have in hand sufficient funds to further the work of our variety, which cannot be done when balance is short.

A general vote of thanks was extended to all officers, including all State officers, for their services the past year.

There being no further business, motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn. F. O. Groesbeck, *Secretary.*

Why Belong to the Club

THERE are many reasons why every person interested in Single-Comb White Leghorns should be a member of the Club.

First, it is a guarantee of square dealings. If you wish to buy a bird or eggs, for your own protection you should be a member of the Club and buy only from members of the Club. Then if anything is crooked you can call on the Club to right it.

This does not, of course, refer to trifling disputes, but only to cases of fraudulent dealing.

Second, it is an evidence of high principle. Now, think it over. The Club is spending money and its officers are spending much valuable time to advance the interests of the breed.

A fellow who is willing to accept the result of some one else's effort and money to create a demand for his goods is not the kind of fellow we would want to trust sight unseen to select eggs or birds.

A man who will not give a dollar a year to have his breed advertised is not the kind of a man you can trust with your money before you see the goods. DON'T FORGET THIS.

Third, a man who has been dropped from the Club for non-payment of dues is a poor man to trust with your order. Look over the list of members in this catalog. It contains the names of the most prominent breeders of high-grade White Leghorns in the land.

In view of these facts, and many more not stated, the man who will not let go of a dollar a year to help along the earnest work being done for this greatest of all profit paying variety is pretty sure to be behind the times in type, egg yield and matters of much importance to one wishing up-to-date stock.

Use the Club Emblems

It helps you and helps the breed. The emblems cost you but a trifle and every member should use one on his stationery and mating list at all times. Order from the secretary today.

How Can I Help the Club?

In your advertisements say, "Member of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club."

An Invitation

WE INVITE every lover of Single-Comb White Leghorns possessing the necessary ambition to succeed to join in our work and help make Single-Comb White Leghorns the most popular breed of poultry in the country. The annual dues are only one dollar and right now is the time to join, while the Club needs you, and while the outlook for the poultry industry is so bright. You are going to reap the benefits of the Club whether you join or not, but anyone, I believe who has the good judgment to choose the Single-Comb White Leghorn in the first place will not be the one to sit back and let someone else fight the way to success for them. So get in and boost and make our breed the top-notchers as to number and quality at all exhibits.

Send in your application TODAY.

Specials Awarded by the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club

CLUB specials are offered to members in good standing at all shows requesting same, and which print announcement of same in their premium list.

State Cup is offered for best display, at time of annual State Meeting in all States having ten or more members in good standing. Various designs are being used, as value of cup is governed by paid-up membership in each State, consequently a State having a membership of thirty gets a cup of three times the value of a State having but ten members. Place of State meeting and cup competition is decided by vote of members, voting blank being attached to bills for annual dues, which are mailed July 1st. Voting closes November 1st, unless membership is insufficient to award cup, in which case place of competition is decided as soon as necessary members are received.

In figuring winner of State cup, first prize counts six; second prize, four; third prize, three; fourth prize, two; fifth prize, one. Pen prizes count double. In case of a tie, member having awards in most classes wins. If still a tie, preference shall be given in the following order; first cockerel, first cock, first pullet, first hen.

Neat and attractive badges are offered at all shows to members winning best cock, best hen, best cockerel, best pullet, best pen. Badges are awarded to first prize winners only.

To Show Secretaries

SHOW secretaries are requested to print the following announcement in their premium lists, sending copy of same to the Club Secretary, that show may be listed in record. On receipt of report stating all winners of first prizes, badges will be promptly sent to members entitled to same.

"The National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club offers to members in good standing, five beautiful badges as follows: Best cock, best hen, best cockerel, best pullet, best pen. Catalog showing badges, cups, ideal male, ideal female, etc., sent free to prospective members. If not a member, send $2.00 and belong to a live specialty club. Annual dues, $1.00; life membership, $10.00. Eugene C. Smith, President, Aurora, Ill.; F. O. Groesbeck, Secretary, Hartford, Conn."

Show secretaries may accept memberships from exhibitors before judging begins upon payment of $2.00 covering membership fee and first year's dues. Exhibitors should state on entry blank that they are eligible to compete for specials offered by the Club.

Unfair Methods

THE Club cannot, neither does it wish to, control the selling price of stock, for there are so many things that make the price, viz., the breeding, the individual, and what it is worth to its owner, which has and always will control prices.

But when a breeder stoops to faking to win it is time, and this Club will take action.

However, if you think you have a cause to complain at what you received from some other breeder for your money, instead of writing and saying such and such a breeder has tried to rob you, just write to the breeder, and 99 times out of 100 he will tell you to return same and get your money back.

Again, do not condemn any man because he has been accused of dishonest dealings in the show room or out of it until he has had a chance to defend himself; then, if after the evidence is all in and he should be found guilty, for the good of the White Leghorns, the Club and our manhood, let us not fail in our duty.

To State Vice-Presidents

It shall be the duty of the vice president in each state, having a membership of ten or more members in good standing, same calling for dues paid in full for the current year, to call a state meeting of the

Club on the written request of two members. Such meeting to be held in connection with the show offering best inducements for the state meet of the Club which will offer its state cup to be won outright in addition to the special club badges. The state vice president to officiate at said meeting.

To State Secretaries

It shall be the duty of the state secretary to keep the minutes of all state meetings of the Club and to make report of such to the club secretary, to ascertain from the different state shows what inducements they will make for a state club meet and to notify each state member of the offers received, requesting their vote on the same, also to solicit specials for the club meet, same helping to bring out a larger entry. The state secretary to send to the club secretary a list of all the prominent shows in his state, when club specials will be offered in keeping with size of exhibit.

Financial Report of Secretary-Treasurer

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 1, 1916

Dues paid	$270.00	
119 New members	238.00	
6 Life members	60.00	
Electrotypes sold	20.90	
		$588.90
Advance by F. O. Groesbeck, Secy., Jan. 1, 1916, to balance account...		185.29
		$774.19

EXPENSES JANUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 1, 1916

Whitehead & Hoag, 1,500 badges	$ 88.23
Telegram, E. C. Smith	.47
Sign at New York Show	.75
Special Delivery, Election Commissioner	.28
Express, Eugene Smith	1.00
Express, Eugene Smith	.47
Express, Eugene Smith	.32
Express, Eugene Smith	.29
Whitehead & Hoag, 61 special badges	20.86
11 State cups, show season 1914-1915	96.00
Postage and insurance on same	3.35
Doyle & Lorenkin, printing	11.00
Doyle & Lorenkin, printing	8.00
Doyle & Lorenkin, printing	6.50
W. H. Lockwood & Sons, electros	1.66
W. H. Lockwood & Sons, electros	1.66
W. H. Lockwood & Sons, electros	3.96
D. D. Whitaker, postage	2.00
Advertisement in Leghorn Journal	2.00
Interest on account Herald Publishing Co	9.00
Hartford Typewriter Exchange, form letters	2.37
Advertisements in 1914 Catalogue, not paid for, Flanders Farm, $10.00; H. M. Price, $5.00; W. E. Dawson, $10.00	25.00
Postage on invitations	20.00
Postage on 1,586 letters	31.72
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Easy Dollars for the Amateur Fancier

THE perfecting of any breed of poultry is in the hands of both professional and amateur fanciers. The first honors, of course, are given to the professionals, for to them belongs the chief credit for progress. They are usually on the job seven days in the week, their publicity reflects to the publicity of the breed, they make the sensational wins at the big shows, and to them properly belongs the largest financial reward. All this is as it should be, but the amateur need not be self-deprecatory, for he has an important part in the advance of his favorite breed. For it is the amateur, with a keen eye for a handsome specimen, interested in the chicken game with the sportsman's interest that he would have in any man's game, always attempting to improve his birds and increase his information, who is the steady customer of the professional breeder and thereby helps support the gilt-edge plants, whos subscription and modest ad. boosts along the specialty clubs and poultry press and whose paid admission largely maintains the poultry exhibitions. In short, it is the small amateur breeder who is the backbone of the fancy poultry business of the country. Where would the poultry magazines, the poultry shows and the famous breeders be, without the obscure little amateur fancier who pays the freight for the whole lot? Let the amateur, therefore, hold up his head and listen.

The amateur does not keep chickens primarily for money. In them he finds relaxation from sterner demands, health through contact with Mother Earth, and the mental satisfaction that accompanied the successful handling of any problem, whether of breeding or merchandising. Nevertheless, although he does not keep chickens for money chiefly, the amateur fancier will be sub-human, if he is not pleased to have his birds self-supporting, and a little more. Chicken-keeping is one of the very few outdoor sports that includes pecuniary compensation among its delights.

This article attempts to point a way by which every amateur may harvest some of the waiting dollars that belong to him.

At the outset, we amateur fanciers must accept three facts, which are suggested by common-sense, and are verified by experience. For clearness' sake they are indicated by A, B and C.

A—The average small breeder of fine birds, with a limited stock to draw from and a limited time to devote to poultry, is foolish to enter the national market, from the selling side, in competition with the well-known professional fanciers, whose advertising campaigns and show records have placed them in established prominence. The amateur has a market, as we shall see, but it is not the country-wide market that the professionals have preoccupied. B—Every poultry keeper is a possible fancier. Every man or woman of every small town, if properly handled, is a potential customer of the amateur fanciers of that town. The man who is satisfied to keep mongrels must be waked up to the superiority of standard-breds. A mild but steady campaign of education, to show the excellence of thoroughbreds, and particularly the excellence of thoroughbred Leghorns, is a simple means of stimulating this latent business. Looking over his town, the amateur fancier can feel that every poultry keeper is a possible customer. C—There will always be some members of a community who overvalue a commodity simply because it is imported; conversely, there are other canny neighbors who prefer to see and handle the purchase before they buy. The cockerel or hatching eggs from another state will always possess an enhanced merit to some, while others will always feel more confidence in going into the coop and picking out their own cockerel, and in inspecting the flock that lays their hatching eggs. For one cause or another a majority of people prefer first-hand inspection to correspondence, and these will naturally gravitate to the amateurs of the town who are known to have fine stock.

Summing up these three facts, our statement runs; the natural market of the amateur fancier is his own locality, within the borders of which he can and must stimulate the interest in standard-bred stock, which will be comparatively easy among those who prefer to personally examine intended purchases.

To make this concrete, may one be allowed to rpesent facts of one's own ex-

perience? We believe that with this expenditure of very little money and time any amateur fancier can equal and surpass this record. Being unable to keep many chickens, we have, year by year, improved the quality. We have never had more than seventy-five hens laying. I work at my trade every day and take care of them at odd moments.

On the basis of what seemed to us a good show record, we advertised in three papers of wide circulation. At the end of a year, not an inquiry or sale could be even indirectly traced to any of this advertising. We charged it up to profit and loss and made note of the fact "A": That the small amateur breeder cannot successfully enter the national market in competition with the established professionals.

We then turned attention to the possibilities of the market in our home town. We wanted to keep the fact that we had exceptionally fine chickens before all the poultry-keepers of our county. The local paper furnished a ready entrance to all these homes. It proved to be the cheapest and surest medium of education. Usually the editors of small-town papers are hard-up for news, and will be glad to print items of the success of a citizen's fowls at the various shows. It reacts to the credit of the feathered population of the village, for native sons to be commended by noted judges. The return home of our birds, as well as their winnings, were always whimsically written up in "Local Happenings." These news items never seemed to have been written by us. Also there were rumors printed of one or two sales which we made for what seemed big sums in our village. On the opening of spring our editor printed two appropriate articles on poultry husbandry; one article sketched the histories of the several commoner breeds, their respective merits and peculiarities, ending with a eulogy of the mortgage-paying Leghorn; the second article described methods of feeding and houseing, with stress upon the hardiness, fecundity, small appetite and quick growth of the Leghorn. Of course, these articles were unsigned and no one suspected their authorship. He seemed glad to accept them as suitable copy for his paper, quite apart from the fact that we carried an inch ad. in his want column for six months at a total cost of $5.25. In every unostentatious way we could think of we made sentiment for White Leghorns of Standard Breeding, and kept before people the fact that we had choice birds—as good as anybody in our part of the country. For instance, our place is on a main road much traveled by automobiles and pleasure walkers, and we kept our handsomest birds close to the road, making a cheering sight with their snow-white plumage on the green grass under the shady maples. The man who turned out to be our best customer, happened to see these exhibition birds, stopped his automobile and came in to see what we had to sell. The cups and ribbons of the show season were made a window display for our local feed store, the merchant making the point in his advertising that birds of such quality were reared on his feeds. The fancier who undertakes to make sentiment in his town will think of numberless little wrinkles, always keeping his own hand covered.

Results over-reached our hopes. The home market was an agreeable contrast to the national market we had expected to enter by advertising. Deducting the grain bill which was our only expense, the net profit from our seventy-five hens, for March was $151; for April, $163; for May, $112. Many of our customers were people whom we had never remotely associated with poultry; doctors and lawyers, realty agents and artists, coachmen and chauffeurs. Several families of staid maiden ladies bought several settings, and as we sold to boys at half-price we cornered much of the juvenile trade.

Now, if our chickens never made a cent for us, we should, nevertheless, get out of them the amusement, relaxation and health, which are the chief desiderata in our poultry-keeping. But the additional advantage of a contribution to the savings bank account is pure velvet, and gives a nice taste to a hobby.

Fellow Amateur Fanciers, if you have not had success in the national market, or if your limited time discourages your expansion in the chicken business, try the simple devices that stimulate the home town market. The easy dollars are waiting.—Robert and Louis Davis, Bridgehampton, Long Island.

Appreciation of Award

I DESIRE to thank the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club, (of which I am a member), for the beautiful cup that was awarded me for the best display of Single-Comb White Leghorns, held at Cleveland, Ohio, during the State Meet, 1914, as being one of the most handsome that I have ever won, also being the second National Single-Comb White Leghorn State Cup that I won in succession, and it is well worth the efforts I made to win it.

I would suggest to the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club, that if we could have embossed on these cups the emblem of the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club, that the same would add much to the beauty of the cup.

Again thanking the National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club for this trophy, and offering my co-operation in the advancement of the Club, I beg to remain,

Yours truly.

MIAMI VALLEY POULTRY YARDS,
S. J. TWYMAN, *Proprietor,*
Hamilton, Ohio.

Breeding the Single-Comb White Leghorn for Increased Egg Production

GILDING Refined Gold, someone says —Everyone knows that our favorite breed are matchless egg-layers now, though a few are reluctant to admit it. A striking illustration of the fact is found in the record of the Fourth International Egg Laying Contest at Storrs College, where at this writing two pens of Single-Comb White Leghorns are tied for the lead, and six out of the ten leading pens belong to that breed, with a probability that the proportion will be increased before the contest ends. Proofs of superiority, however, should act as a spur to urge us on to still greater excellence. Without belittling the beauty and attractiveness of the graceful and lovely White Leghorn, which makes immediate appeal to tyro and veteran alike in looking at a flock of them, it must be admitted that the crowning glory of the breed lies in their surpassing excellence as layers. How, then, can we best develop this excellence to a still greater degree?

The research of the investigators attached to the colleges and experiment stations of the country, typified by Dr. Raymond Pearl, of the Maine Station, and the results shown by the practical experience of poultrymen who are in the business for a living, most vividly set forth by Mr. Tom Barron, of England, in his lectures at Storrs College in 1914, lead to substantially the same conclusion. It is of vital importance to breed from male birds which are the sons of high producing hens. Egg production is at least as likely, if not more likely, to be transmitted through the male line as through the female, and the male is half the breeding pen—an obvious fact which is too often lost sight of, and will bear frequent repetition.

How can we be assured that we are breeding from the sons of high producers? Only one road to the goal is open, and that leads through the door of the trap-nest. Shrink as we may from the extra time and labor involved in trap-nesting, we cannot escape a certain amount of it if we are to attain any results really worth while in the way of breeding for increased egg production. It is not necessary to trap-nest the whole flock. A selection can be made of the best pullets by external indications, when the flock is transferred from the range to the laying house, and that portion of the flock, constituting one-quarter or some such proportion of the whole, can be kept separate and trap-nested. Then the breeder will have material from which he can pick with certainty the really heavy producers to be the mothers of his future breeding males. These birds should be mated to cockerels known to be the sons of heavy layers, and this mating will form what is known as a "line breeding cockerel pen." The pullets from this mating should be discarded, as far as the home plant is concerned, and should command a high price from some other plant that needs stock of known heavy laying ancestry. The cockerels will be the heads of the breeding pen of the following year, and the best of them should be saved to mate with the pick of the next year's trap-nested pullets. In this way inbreeding is avoided, and yet the introduction of outside blood of comparatively unknown laying characteristics is also avoided. Such a system, carefully followed out, should result in a steady and consistent increase in the laying qualities of the home strain. In working it out, it may be advantageous to form small special pens, the very cream of the whole flock, from which cockerels can be bred to place at the head of the line breeding pen. With other small pens, experiemnts may be made to determine the prepotency of different male birds as to egg-laying capacity. Work along these lines, conducted by a man with a few feathers sprouting from his back, as it has been said that every successful chicken man must have, can be as fascinating as any college experimental work, or as the breeding experiments of an enthusiastic

fancier who cares only for show room characteristics.

Having laid the right foundation by way of pedigreed stock of known laying ancestry, we must not lose sight of a few other points. Breeding from pullets is to be avoided wherever possible. Considering the uncertainties involved in the purchase of outside stock, it is probably advisable to use your own strong, vigorous, well-developed pullets rather than to go outside for breeders, but it should not be made a habit. Our experience indicates that while pullets' eggs may be of high fertility, their hatchability is not apt to be so high as that of eggs laid by fully matured females. The Single-Comb White Leghorn lays a great many eggs in her pullet year. In her second season she takes a rest in the winter, and starts in the breeding season refreshed and vigorous. Let her lay her best in her pullet year—try her out with the trap-nest and the other tests that breeders know. Then if she has proved herself worthy, put her in the breeding pen in her second year. In many cases it is wise to retain a hen for breeding in her third year, or even later in some cases. As to the male birds, the usual instruction given to us is to use cockerels; and as a general rule they will give good results when mated to mature hens. But when a cockerel has come through his first year of hard service—and Leghorn cockerels are no shirks—and remains strong, and vigorous, a bird that anyone would call a fine fellow, do not discard him merely because he will be two years old at the breeding season. If he has vigor and endurance beyond the ordinary, that is what you want in the breeding pen. Again, if you find that any cock is apt to throw heavy laying pullets, keep him and use him as long as he is servicable. He has what you want in your breeding pen, and age is a secondary matter.

In saving eggs for hatching, discard all misshapen and undersized eggs. Pullets hatched from large eggs are more apt to be layers of that sort themselves. The use of large, well shaped eggs for hatching tends to the production of eggs that are worth more money.

As a last word to you, who are expecting to sell hatching eggs or breeding stock: Let the Square Deal be the foundation stone of your enterprise. Some customers perhaps you cannot satisfy. Some people are born without the capacity to reason and without any conception of fairness. Such persons you cannot satisfy, nor need you concern yourself with them. They will be only a very small minority at worst. Most people respond to and appreciate fair treatment, and expect no more. Teach them to expect it from you, and you will be "advertised by your loving friends." Be careful about making guarantees, but if you make one, live up to it even at immediate loss to yourself. It will be your gain in the end. It is more prudent to make an invariable rule requiring cash in advance on all orders. Never, never ship hatching eggs by parcels post if you want satisfied customers. Always remember, and impress it on everyone to whom you talk chicken, that the Single-Comb White Leghorn is the finest breed of fowls on top of the earth, the most prolific, the most fertile, the most profitable, the most beautiful, the cheapest to feed, the finest broilers, the most intelligent, the quickest to respond to kind and gentle treatment—I have had them crawling all over me as I went into the house with a pan of feed, and I have picked them up at will in their houses.—HERBERT S. BARNES, Owner of Windsweep Farm, Redding Ridge, Connecticut.

Orgin and History of White Leghorns

EARLY history shows that several kinds of poultry were bred at least three thousand years ago, and records state that fowls were used for food by the Romans two thousand years ago. The earliest descriptions of them indicate that there were fowls with five toes and some with fewer, and with plumage of various colors. According to the earliest records, the existence of game fowls were known to the Romans and their ancestors. They were distributed throughout the Roman Empire and from such an ancestry the many colors of the Leghorn can be traced.

Some twenty years ago it was quoted by some fanciers that stuffed specimens of both White and Brown Leghorns were at that time on exhibition at a museum at Palermo, Italy, that were over three hundred years old. These specimens, it was claimed, very much resembled in type and color of the average White or Brown Leghorn of 1890. Lately I made an effort to verify this through the efforts of the representative in Congress from our district. Investigations made at his request by the American Consul at Palermo, were to the effect that no such specimens were now

there, nor could be find records that would substantiate these claims of early breeders.

I have authority, however, that personal investigation by an officer of the United States Navy furnishes the information that in the year 1815 Leghorn fowls were of all kinds of colors of the game fowls and were all more or less alike in shape. This would indicate that the Leghorn fowls as they existed in Italy prior to 1815 come from the promiscuous breeding of all colors of fowls that conformed to a single type. They had the peculiarity of white ear lobes and the production of white shelled eggs.

For many years there has been a difference of opinion whether the White, Brown, or Black Leghorn was first brought to America, but all such opinions seem to rest upon individual investigation. There does not seem to be any doubt, however, that where white fowls have existed, there were black fowls of the same character, and that wherever black fowls existed, white ones of the same kind were certain to be present.

In 1873, I. K. Felch, in an article contributed to the poultry press of that day, stated that the first importation of Leghorns was made in 1855. Even as early as 1863 they were known for their great egg production, Mr. Felch stating that he had known of a hen that laid 159 days in succession and that he had the assertion of a friend that one Leghorn hen laid 275 eggs in one year, but the largest number which he knew of personally was 250.

Although early authorities conflict, there is no doubt but that the foundation blood of the White Leghorn was early brought to America, but White Leghorns as they now exist, were developed by the fanciers of the United States, and are today the most popular and most profitable variety of fowls yet produced.

New birds come, and new birds go, but the White Leghorn continues to hold its popularity against all comers and continues to produce eggs, white-shelled eggs in such quantities that make commercial poultry raising for profit a possibility. This is substantiated by the fact that 95 per cent of America's greatest and most successful egg farms are stocked with this variety, and by the fact that White Leghorns have practically won every egg-laying contest to date.

As a fancier's fowl, they occupy the front rank, and at every poultry show, from the county fair exhibit to the great Madison Square Garden Show, White Leghorns are always a leading class.

Personally, I have tried several other breeds and have found to my own satisfaction that White Leghorns will produce more *net profit* than any other breed, and, in my opinionfi no other breed is as handsome or attractive, either in the show room, breeding pen or on range.—EUGENE SMITH, Aurora, Illinois.

Points on Selling

WHY does the beginner so often send hundreds of miles for eggs or stock of his favorite breed when there is a breeder of as good or better stock right in his own community? It certainly doesn't make eggs hatch any better nor improve breeding birds to have them sent over a railroad in an express car. Likewise, paying express bills doesn't make the total cost any leess. We will have to look elsewhere for the cause.

If you will pardon a personal reference, I think I can explain one cause of this sending away for eggs or birds. Late last fall a man came to see my White Leghorn cockerels. He said he had just come from Mr. B.'s place, but Mr. B.'s birds were all mixed up, culls included, and he couldn't make a deal. Mr. B., quite properly, had selected his best birds for his own use, but unfortunately he had left these birds running with the rest. His customer didn't want any of the other birds after he had seen these best ones, but the price Mr. B. put on them had to be prohibitive because he did not wish to sell them.

I was better prepared. The birds I had selected for my own use were in pens by themselves, away from the other birds that were for sale and in less than ten minutes I had sold a bird. The man picked out a good bird, but I could sell it for that was what it was in the pen for.

Another instance. A man had just come from a yard where several breeds were kept. He had observed some mix-ups in the pens and decided to look further. He saw my six-foot fences and also the clipped wings of the birds. "You have been having trouble with your birds flying over the fences. I see you had to clip their wings," were his remarks. "No," was my answer, "I like to know just what my matings are and didn't take any chances. The wings were clipped when the pens were mated up." "Sell me a setting from pen No. 2," was his answer.

If we are going to sell to the man on the spot we have to "show him." We may know that everything is all right and be offering good value, but if our customer isn't convinced it is "all off." The average beginner is full of theories and ideals. He has been reading poultry dope and looking at pictures. He usually expects too much, but let's do the best we can for him.—Roy H. Waite, College Park, Md.

The Standard is Right

THE Exhibition Bird is the Egg Bird. How often is it that we are asked the question, "Is the show bird any better egg producer than the ordinary bird that is not fit to go in the show room?" At times this question is a very difficult one to answer, but in the past several years from the matings as I have them on the Maywood Poultry Farm, the question has proven itself absolutely that the Exhibition type is really the egg type. I have found in the past five years where I have kept very close records of the egg produced in each pen that those pens containing my best prize-winners have always produced more eggs per bird than any pen on the farm. In my main breeding house, for example, there are twelve pens of White Leghorns. This year my second pen being yearling hens mated to a cock bird, have produced more eggs than any house or pen in the row and some of them are even mated with pullets. I have given this matter a great deal of study, having almost one thousand White Leghorns mated in pens for small breeding, most of them, and invariably we find the better the grade of stock the more eggs that particular pen produces.

Another question I have been asked many times is the fact, "Why do you use White Leghorns for egg production?" Of course, it is a simple matter for me to tell the inquirer my success with the White Leghorns, but that does not satisfy them at times and I answer their questions by asking them a question, if they can show me a single egg farm, strictly speaking commercial egg farm, that uses anything except the White Leghorn for egg production. This question usually stops the argument and settles it in favor of the White Leghorn as nature's own egg machine.—Eugene J. Straus, Maywood Poultry Farm, Anchorage, Kentucky.

Production Plus Feathers

THE writer has purposely refrained from heading this article "Production versus Feathers," and as you note, has called it "Production Plus Feathers."

There is a very fine distinction there, and one which many poultrymen today have overlooked. Some time ago I headed a leaflet advertising my Queen strain of Single-Comb White Leghorns as follows:

"As She Lays, So Is She."

"A hen must lay sufficient eggs in excess of the requirements for the perpetuation of her species, to pay for her keep plus a profit to her owner, whether she score 96 or 69, else the poultry industry must eventually fall of its own weight. It is better that she score 96, but she must be productive. To be worthy of a place in any breeding yard, she should qualify in both directions, points and egg production."

This has been the principle on which I have based all of my work in poultry, and I believe is the great principle and one on which others must eventually base their work if they succeed. Unfortunately the fancy poultry game has suffered somewhat in the past year or two, and while the disregard of this principle is not the only cause, it is certainly one of them. Too many breeders today are working to produce fine feathers only, or fine egg producers only. The extreme in either direction means failure sooner or later.

Several years ago I purchased a number of male birds from a well-advertised utility breeder and paid a very large price for them. If the breeding back of these birds was what was claimed by the man who sold them, they were well worth the price. When they were received, however, the writer was distinctly disappointed. They were as scrubby a lot of birds as was ever shipped out. I heard afterward the methods employed on this place and could well believe that no high-class specimens could ever be raised under such management. Later, I went in the opposite direction and purchased a large number of early hatched pullets from a breeder

of show stock of some note. When these birds arrived they were beautiful specimens to look at, but not a single one of them more than paid for their keep during their first laying year. They were the first birds to moult and the most consistent and tenacious guests of the broody coop. This experience justifies the position which I take, and the principle which I have mentioned above. The two branches of the industry are too far apart. The fault lies just as much with one side as with the other. In my opinion, the only possible method of building up the poultry industry, and so far as this Club is concerned, the Single-Comb White Leghorn industry, is, first, to get producers, and, second, breed from the producers of best form and feather.

In my opinion, it is better to sacrifice a feather by out-breeding to obtain vitality, than to lose an egg by in-breeding to retain or gain a feather. This is the basic principle upon which all my own work has been done, and the recognition which is coming to the birds I have raised on this basis is ample justification of the position I have taken.

Let us not say in the future, therefore, "eggs versus feathers," but "eggs and feathers." We cannot say it honestly and conscientiously unless we have back of us actual performance, and that only can be tested and maintained by the use of some form of trap nest.

I have no trap nest, patented or otherwise, to sell. The type used in our yards is the simplest possible and one we make as needed.

I mentioned above that disregard of the principle laid down was one of the causes of slack business in the fancy poultry. I cannot refrain from stating what I believe is the other cause, although it does not necessarily come under the heading used for this article. The second great cause of this slump is undoubtedly the extravagant and unwarranted statements of individuals who have "get-rich-quick" systems of no value to sell for $1.00. I never have made $1,000 on a back lot 40 x 60, and I don't believe any other poultryman has ever honestly made that amount on that much ground and given his customers value received.—W. B. Tyrrell, Delavan, Wisconsin.

Does it Pay to "Shoo" the Hen?

MUCH has been written on the care that should be given our Industrious Hen of America, but very little concerning the man or woman behind the hen. Although I do not intend to expose or give any methods of a secret nature as they have all been threshed out before by abler writers than I can ever expect to be, yet at this time I will try to discourage those people who are back of the hen and ofttimes daily "shoo" her. Much praise (and justly praise) has been given the White Leghorn as the acknowledged egg machine of the world, yet behind this is the idea that she is a nervous creature. How many breeders can go in their yards the afternoon before entering their birds at a show and select their birds, take them to the show and have them so they will sing while in your hand when you step by their way to see them? Does a nervous hen or one always expecting a "shoo" from you repay you for the feed or for your manners to her? Much care has been taken to be sure that her feed is properly balanced, yet no thought has been given, in many cases, to the disposition and temperament or analysis of the attendant. I have seen flocks of chickens fly like wild birds (they were not Leghorns, either,) when the attendant was about them alone. This should not be, especially when the manager or proprietor advertises them as in ideal surroundings. He urely has some ideal that would stand questioning and changing. The birds and fancy in general suffer from his ideal instead of profiting as they should. How can this state of conditions be remedied or improved, is easily solved,—and because it is easily solved is the only reason that it exists. It is to some so easy to "shoo" a hen when that hen should be coaxed. We all realize it is very trying indeed when a hen is in a garden and has destroyed some of the choicest growths of our early labors, but why grow frantic and with a wave of the arms (perhaps a stone in the hand, too,) sav "shoo" to that prize hen. We only make her wild, thereby doing wrong, and surely two wrongs never make one right. It surely would be better for us and easier, too, in the end, to open the gate and patiently coax her to cease her labors in the direction she had enjoyed. Now, in conclusion, let me humbly ask, Dear Breeders and Fanciers of our breed, the Single-Comb White Leghorns, let us withhold our excitable "shoos" and gladly give our praises instead to the hen that has been

and is setting the pace for all breeds in egg production and profits in America today. Let us give to her not only of the best of feed, the freshest and purest of water, and the most diligent of care, but let us be mannerly towards her and withhold our small and trivial rebukes—realizing that she will more than amply reward us for our kindness towards her. Let us when advertising our birds as being reared under ideal conditions, take into consideration not only feed, drink and shelter from storms and enemies of the darkness, but also let us advertise ourselves as ideal poultrymen and poultrywomen to our breed. Surely, our birds will be a paying advertisement if they are tame and gentle when received by the customer who expects them to be ideal birds of their breed. No animal or fowl betrays its master more quickly than a hen. No animal or fowl repays its master more abundantly than our National Single-Comb White Leghorn Hens. — Jos. R. NICHOLAS, Hidri View Poultry Farm, Mt. Bethel, Pa.

If You are Interested in White Leghorns Tear Off and Mail the Application Below—*Now!*

Membership Application

Date.....191.....

F. O. GROESBECK, *Secretary and Treasurer,*
The National Single-Comb White Leghorn Club,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:—I am an admirer of the Single-Comb White Leghorns and herewith make application for Club membership. Enclosed you will find two dollars, being membership fee of one dollar, and one dollar for first year's dues. Kindly send membership card which it is agreed will be shown on demand when competing for Club specials. I agree to support the by-laws and constitution of the Club and will assist in furthering the Club's interests.

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Feb.	20	5
March	23	17
April	30	25
May	29	27
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Aug.	25	24
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Fifth Hen
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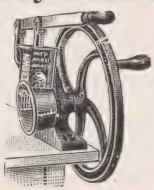

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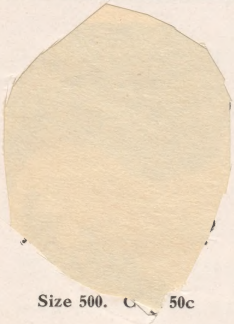

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